GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3041
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INDUSTRIAL USE OF RESERVED FORESTS
Thummar Shri Virjibhai

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Ultra Tech Cement Company Limited formerly known as M/s. L & T Cement has been using reserved forest land in Gujarat for industrial purpose; and

(b) if so, the action taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. M/s Ultratech Cement Company Ltd. has taken prior permission from the Central Government on 24-07-1998, for non-forestry use of 3.10 hectare of forest land in Kovaya Village, Rajula Taluk, District Amreli (Gujarat), as required under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In another case, according to information received from the State Government, the User Agency has also submitted a proposal for renewal of lease under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, over an area of 112.04 hectare of forest land in Babarkot, Amreli district, use of which was permitted earlier by the State Government. The User Agency is making use of infrastructure erected during the earlier lease on the strength of the Supreme Court order in Writ Petition (C) No. 202 of 1995.